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FOR GELB FROM ERICSON - DELIVER OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 4

REF: KAHAN-THOMS TELCON

- 1. RE INDIA, OUR LATEST INFORMATION ON DEEP STRIKE AIR-CRAFT IS THAT INDIANS DO NOT PLAN MAKE DECISION UNTIL AFTER INDIAN PM'S VISIT TO US IN JUNE. (FYI: WE HAVE UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION THAT FRENCH HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY SWEETENED PROPOSAL BY OFFERING MIRAGE 2000 WITH SUBSTANTIAL COPRODUCTION AND RIGHT TO SELL SOME SPARE PARTS TO FRANCE AND OTHER COUNTRIES. END FYI)
- 2. RE MOROCCO, USG TURNED DOWN SALE OF OV-10 AIRCRAFT FOR USE IN SAHARA. REFERENCE TO USG POSITION APPEARED IN US PRESS AND IS SUBJECT OF LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI. NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED ON FAIRCHILD REQUEST TO RECONFIDENTIAL

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LEASE TECHNICAL DATA ON A-10. (FYI: WE ARE NOW WORKING ON PRM ON OVERALL US POLICY ON MOROCCO. RESULTS WILL AFFECT DECISIONS ON ARMS SALES. END FYI) CHRISTOPHER

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